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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION DUTCH MFA OFFICIALS

FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON DUTCH MFA OFFICIALS
WHO MAY BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY AND
HIS PARTY. ASSUME BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON FOREIGN MINISTER
VAN DER STOEL, DEVELOPMENT MINISTER PRONK AND STATE SECRETARY
KOOIJMANS IS ALREADY AVAILABLE.

SCHIFF, EMILE LOUIS CONSTANT. AGE 58. AS SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE IS TOP CAREER DIPLOMAT
IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY'S OPERATIONS. IN THIS POSITION
HE DEALS MORE WITH GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS THAN WITH
STUBSTANCE WHICH IS HANDLED MOSTLY BY THE THREE UNDER-
SECRETARIES (RUTTEN - POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ITALIANER -
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, VAN GORKOM - DEVELOPMENT
AFFAIRS). SCHIFF IS A SEASONED DIPLOMAT WHO HAS SERVED
BOTH IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON (AS MINISTER) AND WHO
IS VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE US AND AMERICANS.
HE IS URBANE, RELAXED AND POSSESSES A GOOD SENSE OF
HUMOR. MARRIED.
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VAN GORKOM, LODEWIJK HENDRIK JOHANNES BAPTIST.
AGE 50. AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,
VAN GORKOM HEADS UP THE SIZABLE STAFF IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY HANDLING DEVELOPMENT AID UNDER THE POLICY
DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT MINISTER PRONK. HE HAS SERVED
IN NEW YORK TWICE AND CONSIDERS IT HIS SECOND HOME.
THOUGH IN CHARGE OF A LARGE STAFF, VAN GORKOM HAS NEVER
QUITE ABANDONED THE HABIT OF TRYING TO DO MANY THINGS
HIMSELF, A CHARACTERISTIC WHICH RESULTS IN OCCASIONAL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAPSES AND WHICH FINDS EXPRESSION IN A
TENDENCY TO BE OVERLY PRECISE. VAN GORKOM, SOFT SPOKEN,
LEAVES THE IMPRESSION OF BEING THOROUGHLY COMMITTED TO THE
NOTION OF DC AID TO THE LDCS.

BERGSMA, THEODORE PAUL. AGE 63. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL,
MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO. CURRENTLY IN WHAT
WILL BE MOST LIKELY HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT BEFORE RETIREMENT.
AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, BERGSMA CHOOSES TO LEAVE
MOST OF THE DETAILS IN HIS CURRENT JOB TO HIS STAFF.
MARRIED.

DE HOOP SCHEFFER, JAKOB GIJSBERT NIKOLAAS. AGE 52.
FORMER DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, DE HOOP SCHEFFER
IS CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE
CARRIES OUT SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE MINISTER.
HE ALSO BACKSTOPS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS, RUTTEN, IN THE LATTER'S ABSENCE AND WILL BE
STANDING IN FOR RUTTEN, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON VACATION.
DE HOOP SCHEFFER HAS A QUICK MIND AND A THOROUGH GRASP
OF THE WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH HE HANDLES. HIS
BREEZY AND CHEERFUL MANNER ACCOMPANIES A ZEST WHICH IS
CONTAGIOUS. MARRIED.

COHEN STUART, WILLIAM VICTOR. AGE 60. DIRECTOR
OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS AND MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR
TO CUBA. COHEN STUART IS NOT THOUGHT OF AS A HEAVYWEIGHT
IN THE MINISTRY AND AT TIMES LEAVES THE IMPRESSION OF
NOT BEING FULLY INFORMED. HE IS FRIENDLY BY DISPOSITION
AND HELPFUL WHEREVER POSSIBLE. PRO-AMERICAN, WITH
A SON CURRENTLY SERVING WITH THE US FORCES IN GERMANY.
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MARRIED.

VAN SCHAIF, ROBER JAN. AGE 49. AS CHIEF
OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN ITALIANER'S DIRECTORATE,
VAN SCHAIK IS ONE OF THE SENIOR EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE HAS LIVED AND BEEN
TO SCHOOL IN THE US AND EARLIER THIS YEAR TOOK A LONG
VACATION THERE. QUIET AND SOMEWHAT RESERVED, HE IS

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HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND COMPETENT. MARRIED.

VAN VLOTEN, EDUARD JOHAN. AGUE 49. ACTING CHIEF
FOR NATO AFFAIRS, VAN VLOTEN WILL BE STANDING IN FOR
HIS BOSS, WILLEM VAN EEKELEN. VAN VLOTEN IS A CIVIL
SERVANT WHO, COMPARED WITH THE EXTRAORDINARILY COMPETENT
VAN EEKELEN, DOES NOT SHINE BY COMPARISON. HE IS
ALMOST UNCRITICALLY PRO-AMERICAN. SINGLE.

POLAK, PAUL JACQUES. AGE 54. RECENTLY PROMOTED TO
DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, SUCCEEDING DE HOOP SCHEFFER.
POLAK IS A CIVIL SERVANT WHO, HOWEVER, HAS SERVED IN MOSCOW
AND IS ONE OF THE MINISTRY'S SOVIET EXPERTS. HE HAS A
SOMEWHAT DOUR EXTERIOR AND TENDS TO BE CAUTIOUS AND NON-
COMMUNICATIVE. MARRIED.
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